

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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Minutes of January 3, 2023 meeting.

Bill VY2WM called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Member present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Brent Taylor VY2HF

Richard Burke VY2RB

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Bill Glydon VY2LI

Bushra Bashir VY2BBK

Tracy Allen VY2TAZ

Rich Hews VY2WTF

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Charles Easter VY2CE

William Caw VY2CAW

Joel MacNeill VY2KW

Micah Gallant VY2MIC

Tyler MacNeill VY2TM

Maggie MacEachern VY2MMM

Graeme Brown VY2WT

Arden Gallant VY2ALG

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

Also guest Ricardo Angel VY2AN

Bill VY2WM asked if there was any knowledge of persons sick or silent keys.
None noted.

Announcements:

Bill VY2WM spoke about a soldering event that is at the Charlottetown Public Library on Saturday, January 21 2023 at 11:00 AM. No cost to attend but you must register.

Charles advised that the 2023 membership dues are now payable and you can use etransfer using the address of treasurer@charlottetownarc.com.
This address is also on the club web page.

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Minutes of November 1, 2022 meeting:

Bill VY2WM advised that since the minutes were sent to all members there was no need for the secretary to read them. Moved by Richard VY2RB, seconded by Rick VY2WT to approve the minutes as circulated. Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Bill VY2WM said the committee reports would cover business from the minutes.

President report:

Bill VY2WM said he felt that 2022 had been a good year for the club with membership increasing. He said the joint 2022 Field Day with the Summerside club was a success and we had some EMO staff in attendance. Bill said the fall licensing class was a success with eight new hams getting their license. He is looking at having another licensing class in the spring of 2023. Also spoke on needing to start on planning for the 2023 Field Day.

Bill said that the club nets, HF on Thursday nights, Two meter on Saturday mornings and the 2 meter newly are going well. He was pleased to report had our meeting location has been confirmed for the year 2023.

Treasurer report:

Charles reported that we had income of 620.00 in membership fees and donations of 20.00, tuition 450.00, Study guides 900.00 for a total 1,990.00

Expenses were 510.64 for insurance, bank charges of 44.25, study guides 909.77, VY2UHF license fee 60.00, office supplies 21.23, miscellaneous 20.00 and 20.00 to PEI government for Annual return for part II (non-profit) Companies.

For a total expenses of 1,585.89. Total funds on hand are 1,371.03.

Moved by Charles VY2CE , seconded by Richard VY2RB that the financial report be approved. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Brent VY2HF said he already had enough people interested getting a licence to have a course in the spring. Need to confirm a location and might shorted the length of the course by having it two nights a week.

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Brent said that there is still some interest in having a course on CW.
Brent then showed us a 2 meter transmitter that can be used for having a Fox hunt.
He would like to have a fox hunt some time this year.

Repeater/Technical VE1AIC

Ron VE1AIC reported spoke about inference problems with the VE1CRA repeater 146.67 and the noise is getting weaker but having tone access to the repeater takes care of it.

Ron said there is two repeaters at Churchill, one at his home and he has a couple mobile ones so lots of backup to keep the repeater on the air.

Website VY2MIC

Micah said it seems that the problem with the website was with RAC . It was down for a week but now it is working fine.

Correspondence:

Secretary advised that we no correspondence other than some emails between members.

New / Ongoing Business:

RAC Section Manager

Bill VY2WM said we are still looking for a volunteer to be a Section manager.
Question was asked, what does a section manager do? William VY2CAW spoke on the nomination now has to be approved by Ottawa and he is not happy with the changes. William thinks that there may be more changes at the February meeting and to wait and see what comes from the meeting.

Winlink RMS gateway.

Bill explained what Winlink is and that can be used to sent messages similar to emails. A RMS hub is required and that he now has a RMS hub at his place.

Dual membership with SARC

Bill VY2LI spoke at been to the last SARC meeting and the feeling seemed to to just let it die.

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Bill VY2WM that he would like to start having “show and tell” again at our meetings and he plans on bringing a 3D printer to the February meeting.

Graeme VY2WT adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Charles Easter
Secretary

Bill McMaster
President